

REMARKS

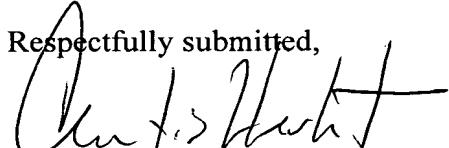
Claims 18-36 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-17 are cancelled, and new claims 18-36 are added.

The amendments conform the claims to U.S. practice and do not narrow the scope of the originally filed claims. The new claims are supported by the claims as originally filed. No new matter is introduced.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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